

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of all claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) An airbag device for a vehicle, the airbag device comprising:
an airbag having a vent opening and an interior that is inflated during airbag deployment with the vent opening allowing inflation gas to escape from the airbag interior during deployment thereof;
a retainer for being mounted to the vehicle and from which the airbag is deployed;
an elongate securing member that includes a portion extending through the vent opening in the interior of the airbag for being secured to the airbag; and
a fastener external of the retainer and adapted for connecting another portion of the securing member to the vehicle remote from the retainer.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Original) The airbag device of claim 1 wherein the elongate securing member is a single elongate securing member.
5. (Original) The airbag device of claim 1 wherein the elongate securing member is of flexible material.
6. (Original) The airbag device of claim 1 wherein the airbag includes an interior surface and the elongate securing member includes an end connected to the airbag interior surface.
7. (Original) The airbag device of claim 1 wherein the elongate securing member includes a triangular shaped end portion for being connected to the airbag.

8. (Previously presented) An airbag device for a vehicle, the airbag device comprising:
an airbag having an interior that is inflated during airbag deployment; and
an elongate securing member that includes a portion extending in the interior of the
airbag for securing the airbag to the vehicle,

wherein the elongate securing member includes a triangular shaped end portion for
being connected to the airbag, and the elongate securing member portion includes interior
sections of the triangular end portion, the airbag includes an entry through hole through
which the securing member extends and a pair of exit through holes through which the end
portion sections extend, and

an exterior section of the triangular end portion interconnecting the interior sections
external of the airbag.

9. (Original) The airbag device of claim 1 wherein the elongate securing member
portion includes a pair of ends.

10. (Original) The airbag device of claim 9 wherein the airbag includes a pair of through
holes through which the pair of ends are inserted into the interior of the airbag.

11. (Original) The airbag device of claim 9 wherein the airbag includes an interior
surface and a plurality of guide members on the airbag interior surface and through which the
pair of ends are guided along the airbag interior surface.

12. (Previously presented) The airbag device of claim 9 wherein the elongate securing
member is of flexible material having a predetermined thickness, and
the fastener for connecting the securing member to the vehicle includes an insertion
portion defining a gap spacing having a predetermined height greater than the predetermined
thickness of the securing member material to allow the securing member to freely extend
through the insertion portion via the gap spacing thereof.

13. (Original) The airbag device of claim 1 wherein the vehicle is a motorcycle, and the
elongate securing member extends substantially centrally in a fore and aft direction along the
motorcycle.

14. (Original) The airbag device of claim 13 wherein the airbag includes an accordion-fold portion and a roll-fold portion prior to airbag deployment and the elongate securing member portion extends in the interior of the roll-fold portion.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)